

Ontario Public Drug Programs

Notice from the Executive Officer: Update on Claims Submission for Valved Holding Chambers through the Ontario Drug Benefit Program

September 25, 2018

This is an update to the original notice dated December 21, 2017.

This notice provides an update to pharmacies about the changes to the claims submission process for valved holding chambers (VHCs), using the Health Network System (HNS).

Overview

On January 1, 2018, the Ministry began funding valved holding chambers (VHCs) for Ontario Drug Benefit eligible recipients aged 12 years and under. Each eligible recipient with a valid prescription from a physician or nurse practitioner is entitled to receive one (1) valved holding chamber (with or without mask/mouthpiece) per 365-day period. Only select VHCs are publicly funded through the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program. See the list below for details.

Effective September 30, 2018, the HNS will have quantity and age restrictions in place for the submission of VHC claims according to this policy. This automation of the adjudication rules will enforce the policy that allows only those Ontario Drug Benefit recipients aged 12 years and under to receive one funded valved holding chamber (with or without mask/mouthpiece) per 365-day period at no cost.

Reimbursement

The ministry will reimburse pharmacies the amount identified in the column **Amount MOHLTC Pays** plus a mark-up of 8% and the applicable ODB dispensing fee (note this is different from the current Reimbursable Amount, which includes the 8% mark-up; however the final amount reimbursed to pharmacies is the same). There is no cost to the recipient. The **total** reimbursement amount is **no longer required** to be submitted in one line in the professional fee field. The intervention code 'PS' (Professional Care Services) is also **no longer required**.

Pharmacy Billing Procedure

The Product Identification Numbers (PINs) below are to be used for billing purposes. The PINs remain the same as before. Pharmacies will be reimbursed for supplying valved holding chambers in accordance with the table below, subject to future changes which will be communicated to pharmacies via OneMail.

PIN	PIN Description	Manufacturer	Amount MOHLTC Pays
09858012	AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu Anti-Static Valved Holding Chamber Infant Small Mask	Trudell Medical International	\$37.6700
09858013	AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu Anti-Static Valved Holding Chamber Child Medium Mask	Trudell Medical International	\$37.6700
09858014	AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu Anti-Static Valved Holding Chamber Youth Mouthpiece	Trudell Medical International	\$23.5500
09858015	AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu Anti-Static Valved Holding Chamber Girls Mouthpiece	Trudell Medical International	\$23.5500
09858016	AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu Anti-Static Valved Holding Chamber Adult Mouthpiece	Trudell Medical International	\$23.5500
09858017	AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu Anti-Static Valved Holding Chamber Adult Small Mask	Trudell Medical International	\$39.8600
09858018	AeroChamber Plus Flow-Vu Anti-Static Valved Holding Chamber Adult Large Mask	Trudell Medical International	\$39.8600
09858005	A2A Aerosol to Airways Spacer	Clement Clarke International Limited	\$9.0000
09858006	A2A Spacer with Small Mask	Clement Clarke International Limited	\$12.0000
09858007	A2A Spacer with Medium Mask	Clement Clarke International Limited	\$12.0000

09858001	InspiraChamber	INSPIRX INC.	\$23.5500
09858002	InspiraChamber + Mask Small	INSPIRX INC.	\$37.6700
09858003	InspiraChamber + Mask Medium	INSPIRX INC.	\$37.6700
09858004	InspiraChamber + Mask Large	INSPIRX INC.	\$39.8600
09858008	Optichamber Diamond Valved Holding Chamber	Respironics Respiratory Drug Delivery (UK) LTD.	\$16.3400
09858009	Optichamber Diamond Valved Holding Chamber + Small Mask	Respironics Respiratory Drug Delivery (UK) LTD.	\$27.9300
09858010	Optichamber Diamond Valved Holding Chamber + Medium Mask	Respironics Respiratory Drug Delivery (UK) LTD.	\$27.9300
09858011	Optichamber Diamond Chamber + Large Mask	Respironics Respiratory Drug Delivery (UK) LTD.	\$30.7800

For billing purposes, pharmacy documentation described in Ministry policies must be maintained in a readily available format for the purpose of post-payment verification for a minimum of 2 years. Overpayments due to inappropriate claim submissions are subject to recovery.

Pharmacy Claims

Claims must be submitted online through the HNS. The claim submission follows the normal process for submitting claims on the HNS noting the following information:

- Product Identification Number (PIN): Select the appropriate PIN from the table above
- Quantity: Submit the value as “1”
- Days’ Supply: Submit the value as “1” (or any other value up to 100)
- Intervention code ‘PS’: (Professional Care Services) is **no longer required**

HNS Response Codes and Messages

- If a VHC claim is submitted for an ODB recipient aged 13 years and above, the claim will be rejected with a response code “CD – Patient Not Entitled to Drug Claimed”. **VHCs are only eligible for ODB recipients 12 years of age or under.**
- If a VHC claim is submitted that exceeds the claim count limit of one per 365-day period, the claim will be rejected with a response code “LO – Benefits Maximum Exceeded”. The HNS will automatically review whether any other funded VHC claim was submitted to the ODB Program in the past 365 days (since January 1, 2018). **Only one funded VHC (with or without mask/mouthpiece) per 365-day period is eligible for coverage under the ODB Program.**
- The HNS will send a message line “Remaining Qty: x until MMM DD, YYYY ” when a claim is approved or rejected due to the quantity restriction, for example:

Remaining Qty: 0 until OCT 15, 2019
- No HNS message will be sent when a claim is rejected due to age restriction. Only the rejection response code will be displayed.

Electronic Formulary (e-Formulary) Changes

- Search which VHCs are currently funded and the amount reimbursed by the ministry by selecting “Valved Holding Chambers” from the Coverage Status drop down menu at: <https://www.formulary.health.gov.on.ca/formulary/>
- Extensible Markup Language (XML) file changes: Valved Holding Chambers are published in the eFormulary XML data extract. Each VHC’s <drug> element contains the attributes sec9="Y" and additionalBenefitType="C". The XML file will be posted on the ministry’s website in advance.

Additional Information:

For pharmacies: Please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

For all other Health Care Providers and the Public: Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282